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Applicant: Walter APFELBACHER                      Conf: 3254  
Appl. No.: 10/544,145                                      Group: 2838  
Filed: October 24, 2005                                  Examiner: Nguyen, Matthew Van  
For: CONTROL INPUT CIRCUIT FOR AN ELECTRICAL DEVICE

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Randolph Building  
401 Dulany Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
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June 23, 2008

**COMMENTS ON THE EXAMINER'S  
STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

In reply to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, provided with the Notice of Allowance dated March 24, 2008, Applicants submit the following comments.

The Examiner offers several reasons why the claims of the present application are allowable over the prior art of record. Although Applicants agree that the various claimed limitations mentioned in the claims are not taught or suggested by the prior art taken either singly or in combination, Applicants wish to emphasize that it is each claim, taken as a whole, including the interrelationships and interconnections between various claimed elements which is allowable over the prior art of record.

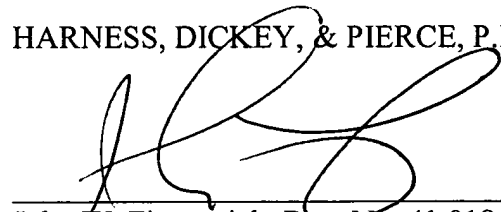
Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Donald J. Daley, Reg. No. 34,313 at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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# TRANSMITTAL FORM

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Remarks

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